

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 80**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Gallagher**

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(Coauthors: Senators Anderson, Bates, Hall, and Leno)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 80—Relative to Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month and The Longest Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 80, as introduced, Gallagher. Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month and The Longest Day.

This measure would recognize June 2015 as Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month, and June 21, 2015, as The Longest Day in California, and would urge all residents to wear purple on this day to help spread global awareness of the Alzheimer’s Association’s vision of imagining a world without Alzheimer’s disease.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The month of June 2015 has been declared  
2 Alzheimer’s and Brain Awareness Month to help spread awareness  
3 of this debilitating disease and the need to increase efforts to  
4 combat its devastating symptoms; and

5 WHEREAS, The summer solstice, June 21, 2015, has been  
6 declared The Longest Day, with teams around the world coming  
7 together to honor the strength, passion, and endurance of people  
8 facing Alzheimer’s disease with a day of activity; and

1 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease, a progressive  
2 neurodegenerative brain disorder, tragically robs individuals of  
3 their memories and leads to mental and physical impairments; and

4 WHEREAS, This condition has become the fifth leading cause  
5 of death in California as numbers have increased by 169 percent  
6 since 2000; and

7 WHEREAS, An estimated 5.1 million Americans 65 years of  
8 age and older have Alzheimer's disease, and another 200,000  
9 people under 65 years of age have younger-onset Alzheimer's  
10 disease; and

11 WHEREAS, Deaths from other major causes have decreased  
12 significantly, official records indicate that deaths from Alzheimer's  
13 disease have increased significantly; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2014, friends and family of people with  
15 Alzheimer's disease and other dementias provided an estimated  
16 17.9 billion hours of unpaid care, a contribution to the nation  
17 valued at \$217.7 billion; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2015, the direct cost to American society of  
19 caring for those with Alzheimer's disease will total an estimated  
20 \$226 billion, with one-half of the costs borne by Medicare, and an  
21 expected growth of \$1.1 trillion by the year 2050; and

22 WHEREAS, There is currently no way to prevent, cure, or even  
23 slow down the progression of Alzheimer's disease; and

24 WHEREAS, Researchers in California and around the world  
25 continue their efforts to develop scientific breakthroughs that could  
26 one day bring about a world without Alzheimer's disease; and

27 WHEREAS, In recognition of the individuals, families, friends,  
28 and caregivers dealing with Alzheimer's disease; and the  
29 researchers who are seeking a cause or cure; and

30 WHEREAS, In recognition of the efforts of the Alzheimer's  
31 Association to raise funds and promote awareness to fight  
32 Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, thereby improving the  
33 quality of human life for people living with Alzheimer's disease  
34 and their caregivers; now, therefore, be it

35 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
36 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California  
37 recognizes the month of June as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness  
38 Month, and recognizes June 21, 2015, as The Longest Day in  
39 California and urges all residents to wear purple on this day to  
40 help spread global awareness of the Alzheimer's Association's

- 1 vision of imagining a world without Alzheimer's disease; and be
- 2 it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 4 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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